

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-18 (cancelled).

Claim 19 (currently amended). A blank for use in the manufacture of a case, the blank comprising:

a first panel connected to a second panel;

a third panel connected to the second panel such that the third panel can be folded over the second panel to form a protected region;

a carriage panel connected to a pocket panel such that the pocket panel can be folded over the carriage panel to form a pocket; and

an intermediate panel connected to the carriage panel, and wherein the intermediate panel joins the first panel along a boundary that is at right angles to the ~~connection~~connections between the first and second panels, and the intermediate panel attaches to the carriage panel along a boundary that is parallel to and axially offset from the connection between the first and second panels.

Claim 20 (currently amended). A blank as claimed in claim 19, wherein the blank further comprises a further flap connected to the first panel on a side opposite the intermediate panel.

Claim 21 (previously presented). A blank as claimed in claim 20, wherein the further flap is used to form a stop tab to inhibit articles from falling out of a pocket formed by the first panel and the intermediate panel.

Claim 22 (previously presented). A blank as claimed in claim 19, wherein the third panel is connected to the second panel at a side thereof opposite to the connection between

the first panel and the second panel, and wherein the third panel or the second panel has flaps for securing the second and third panels together to form a pocket.

Claim 23 (currently amended). A method of forming a case from a blank as claimed in claim 19, comprising the steps of:

- a) folding the intermediate panel such that it overlies the first panel and the carriage panel overlies the second panel, and
- b) folding the pocket panel and third panel over such that the carriage panel is within a protected region.

Claim 24 (currently amended). A method as claimed in claim 23 ~~when dependent on claim 22~~, wherein the blank comprises a further flap connected to the first panel on a side opposite the intermediate panel and wherein prior to performing step a), the further flap is folded over the first panel and adhesive is positioned on it or a portion of the intermediate panel such that the intermediate panel adheres to the further flap.

Claim 25 (currently amended). A carrier for a plurality of objects, the carrier comprising first, second and third elements hingeably attached to one another in a hinge region having first, second and third hinges, and wherein the second and third elements carry first and second protective regions thereon, respectively, for holding an object therein, and wherein a first carriage is attached to the first element by ~~a~~ the second hinge which is offset from the first hinge and extends into the first protective region, and a second carriage ~~element~~ is attached to the second element by a third hinge offset from the first hinge and extends into the second protective region.

Claim 26 (currently amended). A case for an object, the case comprising a first portion hingeably attached to a second portion, and a carriage for holding the object, the carriage being movable in response to the movement of the first portion with respect to the

second portion between a first position where the object is held in a protected space and a second position where the object is presented for removal from the case, and the carriage is hingeably attached to the first portion by a hinge which is offset from the hinge interconnecting the first and second portions. the case further comprising a third portion hingeably attached to the first portion, and a second carriage for holding a further object, the second carriage being movable in response to movement of the second portion with respect to the third portion between a position where the further object is held in a further protected space and another portion where the further object is presented for removal from the case, and the second carriage is hingeably attached to the second portion.

Claim 27 (cancelled).

Claim 28 (currently amended).      A case as claimed in claim 26, in which at least one of the ~~front~~ first and ~~rear~~ second portions is formed with or has at least one wall or other spacing element attached thereto to give the case depth.

Claim 29 (currently amended).      A case as claimed in claim 26, wherein the case is a case for a data carrier and a holding device is provided to hold ~~an~~ a read surface of the data carrier away from the carriage.

Claim 30 (previously presented).      A case as claimed in claim 26, further comprising a pocket to hold additional articles.

Claim 31 (previously presented).      A case as claimed in claims 26, wherein the case is a case for pharmaceutical products or cigarettes.

Claim 32 (previously presented).      A case as claimed in claim 26, wherein the case is a case for CDs, DVDs or other data carriers.

Claim 33 (currently amended). A carrier as claimed in claim ~~25~~ 26, wherein the depth of a spine interconnecting the first and third elements is selected to be equal to the thickness of the sum of the objects carried in the carrier and the first and third elements.

Claim 34 (new). A method of forming a case from a blank comprising

- a first panel connected to a second panel;
- a third panel connected to the second panel such that the third panel can be folded over the second panel to form a protected region;
- a carriage panel connected to a pocket panel such that the pocket panel can be folded over the carriage panel to form a pocket; and
- an intermediate panel connected to the carriage panel, and wherein the intermediate panel joins the first panel along a boundary that is at right angles to the connection between the first and second panels, the method comprising the steps of:
  - a) folding the intermediate panel such that it overlies the first panel and the carriage panel overlies the second panel, and
  - b) folding the pocket panel and third panel over such that the carriage panel is within a protected region.

Claim 35 (new). A method as claimed in claim 34 wherein the blank further comprises a further flap connected to the first panel on a side opposite the intermediate panel, wherein prior to performing step a), the further flap is folded over the first panel and adhesive is positioned on it or a portion of the intermediate panel such that the intermediate panel adheres to the further flap.